

WILLIAMS SAVED FROM THE NOOSE

Governor Commutes Sentence of the Newport News Man.

LIFE TERM IN PENITENTIARY.

The Order Signed Yesterday—Many Governors Proclaim Prosperity. Americans in Cuba Ask Commissions—Capitol Notes.

Governor Tyler on yesterday commuted the sentence of Richard Williams (colored), who was convicted of murder in the first degree at the July term of the Corporation Court of Newport News and sentenced to be hanged on September 28th. The court extended the sentence to October 24th, and Governor Tyler extended his time until November 24th, at which time he would have been hanged. The commutation is to life time imprisonment. Messrs. Jones and Woodward, of Newport News, presented the case to the Governor at the mansion yesterday morning.

THE ORDER.

The following is the order of commutation signed by the Governor:

"Upon the application of Richard Williams for commutation of the sentence of the Corporation Court of the city of Newport News from the death penalty to confinement in the penitentiary for life, it appearing from a letter of Hon. T. J. Harsham, judge of said court, that Executive clemency would not be improperly exercised, and it also appearing from affidavits that the deceased had made two assaults on the prisoner before the homicide and threatened the prisoner, and it further appearing from affidavits that at the time of the homicide the deceased was advancing on the prisoner with a knife, and it further appearing from affidavits that the prisoner is a man of very low order of intellect, and is hardly regarded as a man responsible for his acts, the prayer of the petition is hereby granted, and the sentence is commuted to imprisonment in the State penitentiary for life."

PROCLAIM PROSPERITY.

One of the interesting facts in connection with the Thanksgiving proclamations of the Governors of various States is the inclusion of a reference to the revival of prosperity in their respective States as one of the things for which to be grateful.

This fact is shown in numerous copies of the proclamations received by Governor Tyler from the other Governors. The testimony of the Executives of widely-scattered States is important as showing conclusively the improvement in business all over the country.

Governor Tyler has been besieged by applicants for places as commissioners of deeds for Virginia at various points in Cuba. The Governor has no authority to grant such commissions inasmuch as Cuba is not a part of the United States.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Mr. W. H. Chisholm, member-elect to the House of Delegates from Isle of Wight county, and Mr. B. T. Key, commissioner of revenue of Bedford county, were at the treasurer's office yesterday.

Messrs. James Wagner and L. A. Dean, of Nansmound county, were callers at the State Library yesterday. These gentlemen are here to attend the Baptist Convention.

IN FEDERAL COURTS.

Cases Argued Before the Court of Appeals.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, presiding, Judge Simonson, Paul and Brewster. The following cases were argued:

No. 39—Board of Commissioners of Wilkes County, et al., appellants vs. W. N. Coler & Company, appellees; appeal from Circuit Court of North Carolina, at Greensboro. This case was certified to the Supreme Court of the United States, on certain questions and propositions of law.

No. 30—Commissioners of Oxford, N. C., appellants vs. Union Bank of Richmond, appellees, and No. 29, Commissioners of Stanley County, N. C., appellants vs. W. N. Coler & Company, appellees, in which cases petitions for rehearings have been presented; the court continued these cases until the Supreme Court passed on the Wilkes County bond case.

Court adjourned until this morning at 10, when they will be in conference only.

Judge Orr is at West Baden Springs, Ind., and will not be in attendance at the present term of court.

CASE OF HOLD UP.

Spencer Cox and Harry Wilson are Punished.

A negro boy named Ezzam Johnson was before Justice Lewis, of Henrico county, yesterday morning on a assaulting William Gordon, also colored. He was sent to jail for the period of sixty days.

Spencer Cox and Harry Wilson were before the County Court yesterday for holding up the team of Mr. Jake F. Shaw in the Pleasant road.

Mr. Lewis and Squire Thomas appeared for the defense.

Cox was given two years in the penitentiary and Wilson received four years.

LIFE PRISONERS.

There are twelve life prisoners in the penitentiary, four white and eight colored. The white men are John Orell, for third conviction; John Robinson, alias Stanley, for third conviction; John Jackson, for murder, committed to life imprisonment; Thomas W. Price, for murder, committed to life imprisonment; Thomas W. Price, for murder, committed for life imprisonment.

The colored men are: Richard Brown, for arson; William Robinson, for murder; William Washington, for third conviction; Bud Givens, for third conviction; John Lowry, for third conviction; Luther Jenkins, for third conviction; Moses Twens, alias Scott King, for third conviction; George Davis, alias Willie Preston, for third conviction.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Richmond—Hugh Blair and wife to H. L. Cabel, strip of land beginning on north side Hospital street, 6 feet west from Seventh street and containing 1 1/2 of an acre.

J. A. Heidler and wife to W. H. Adams, 2 1/2 feet on west side Thirty-third street, 36 1/2 feet north of Marshall, \$35.25.

William J. Leake, special commissioner, to J. F. Wright, 21 1/2 feet on north side Leigh street, 87 feet east of Third, \$2.30.

Conway R. Sands, special commissioner, to F. M. Brooks, 37 1/2 feet on west side Mosby street, south of Pleasants street, \$2.50.

W. B. Tenant to Walter Blair, 39 feet on northeast corner Fifth and Franklin streets, \$1.50.

Charles R. Branner and wife to E. E. Turnb, lot 4 in block 2, Barton Heights, \$20.

Catherine E. Rogers to Dennis B. Rogers,

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CITY HALL ITEMS.

Suit Against the City Laid Over for the Present.

The case of J. D. Patten & Co against the city for damages occasioned by the bursting of the Twelfth street sewer several months ago was set for trial in the Law and Equity Court yesterday but will not be heard at this time because counsel in the case is not quite ready.

Peter Jackson, colored, was sent to jail yesterday morning for twelve months for shooting Josh Henderson, also colored, in a bar-room in Fulton on September 20th.

In the suit of George B. A. Becker vs Beno and Curtis, for \$100 in the Circuit Court yesterday morning, judgment was rendered for the plaintiff.

Hesekiel Matthew, colored, was tried in the Hustings Court yesterday morning on the charge of cutting Andrew Hopkins with a knife several weeks ago. He was given 30 days in jail and fined one cent.

A delegation of Mormons, headed by Elder George J. Emery, of Salt Lake City, called on Mayor Taylor yesterday morning to pay their respects. They stated that they would hold a series of meetings in this city soon.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Professor C. L. Cooke, of Hollins Institute, in the City.

Professor C. L. Cooke, of Hollins Institute, is the guest of Rev. Dr. W. R. L. Smith. Dr. Cooke is one of the most representative and best-known Baptists in the South, and has been superintendent of Hollins Institute for the past fifty-three years. This, the first chartered school established in Virginia for the higher education of women has, under Dr. Cooke's supervision, attained a high degree of excellence, and its far-reaching power for good can best be judged by the number of the alumnae now scattered over this country—North, West, and especially in the States South—many holding prominent positions, while some are in Japan, China, California, South America, and the West Indies, acting as missionaries. Over seven hundred of these alumnae have received their education at this flourishing institute. Dr. Cooke is also the Executive Committee of the Orphanage in Salem. Over \$100,000 has been expended in this charitable enterprise, and when the building now being erected by Mr. T. H. Elliott, of this city, is completed, the Orphanage will be able to care for two hundred homeless boys and girls.

Dr. Cooke was, in early life, for six years, an officer of Richmond College, and has a host of friends here who are always happy to welcome him.

MUST STOP TALKING.

Chief-of-Police Howard Sends for a Female Lecturer.

Chief of Police Howard yesterday sent for the woman who has been delivering lectures in the Masonic Temple, to the detriment of public morals.

She is to appear and in the presence of Commonwealth's Attorney D. C. Richardson and a few complainants the chief talked with her. He informed the woman that he could not permit her to continue the objectionable lecture.

She promised to deliver no more private lectures to women, and was allowed to go.

Many complaints concerning her have reached the ears of the chief.

MR. PLATT HART.

Mrs. H. H. Platt met with a very painful accident Thursday morning about 11 o'clock.

One of the heavy window frames fell with the sashes and blinds, knocked her to the floor and inflicted several wounds. The broken glass inflicted severe wounds in her neck and arm.

Several persons who were near by rendered assistance and Mrs. Platt was revived without the aid of a physician.

Pleased With the Work.

Mr. Clarence A. Miller, of the Supervising Architect's office, Washington, was in this city, and made final inspection of the improvements of the Federal building. He found all very satisfactory.

The improvements are practically finished, and the workmen expect to be able to finish all by Saturday.

FOURTH SAILS.

The Forty-third regiment, United States volunteers, Colonel Murray, sailed for Manila in the transport Mayade, from New York last Thursday. Lieutenant R. L. Masurier and Sergeant Champé B. Shepherd, of this city, are officers in this regiment.

Father Bowler Here.

Rev. Father John J. Bowler, the new Vicar-General of this diocese, assumed his new duties yesterday morning.

He arrived here from Falls Church, Va., a few days ago.

MRS. MARTIN'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie B. Martin, who died suddenly yesterday afternoon, will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from Laurel-Street Methodist church, Va., a few days ago.

HOW TO GET THE BEST ADVICE ABOUT YOUR CASE FREE.

Thousands of women who suffer from female weakness or other nerve-weakening and debilitating disease, desire to have the plain frank and honest advice and counsel of a skilled specialist in the treatment and cure of female complaints. There is no more famous or successful physician in the treatment of diseases of women than Dr. Greene, 35 west 14th street, New York city, discoverer of that great woman's health restorer, Dr. Greene's Nervura, and who is undoubtedly the most noted and successful physician in the world. His practice among women who suffer from the various forms of female weakness and disease is greater than that of any other physician, women consulting him at his office or writing to him about their complaints from every part of the United States. Why not call and see him or write to him about your case? It will cost you absolutely nothing to have him explain your disease to your perfect understanding, and give you explicit and exact advice what to do to be cured, for in all cases, either personally or at his office, or if you write to him, there is no charge whatever for consultation and advice. His vast experience and wise advice will make you well again.

THANKS FROM DREYFUS.

A black-and-white photograph of the guests at the recent banquet given at the Dreyfus Association at New York's was sent to Captain Dreyfus shortly after the banquet, together with a menu card and copies of the Richmond papers.

Yesterday morning Mr. Abe Cohen received a reply from Captain Dreyfus, thanking the Association on behalf of himself and his family in very touching words. He was very grateful for the sympathetic action of the Richmond people.

The package was received by Captain Dreyfus, ten caravans after it was sent, at his home in Carpenters, Van-Zuulde, South of France, and the letter of acknowledgement was sent from the same place.

Mr. Weber to Marry.

The marriage of Mr. George Weber and Miss Annie Brown will take place on

THEY ARE SAVING

UP DEVILMENT

Impostor Exposed by One of Class
He Imitated.

DISPENSER PLAYSHIDE AND SEEK

An Innocent Looking Negro Who is Something of a Wildcat When He Gets Started—A Bicycle Thief From Manchester Caught.

The Police are all talking about the good order in Richmond. Either evil doers are on their good behavior as a foil to the Sabbath Observance League, or they are saving up devilmint to turn loose on Christians.

"They are too good; it can't last," said a guardian of the peace when he looked over the criminal docket.

JUSTICE JOHN SKITTISH.

Justice John was as skittish yesterday as a spring colt, and played a game of hide and seek with Justice, toying with doubtful cases in a cat and mouse, now you see it and now you don't, peek a boo kind of style, until he puzzled the police, rattled the witnesses and gave the prisoners nervous prostration.

B. E. Flippin (colored) was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the street and with resisting a policeman in the discharge of his duty. According to the testimony the negro was harder to subdue than a dog, belligerent and more impudent than a dog, and when a dozen cops,

He fought, bit and kicked, scratched, wriggled and twisted.

Mr. C. F. Seigle, in whose store he was arrested, said he was the most disorderly nigger in existence and Policeman Barker who arrested him with the assistance of citizens described him as a human wild cat, just drunk enough to be mean and sober enough to be fight like a demon.

LEST WE FORGET.

Yet there stood the prisoner a week, looking under staid "yellow nigga" as innocent looking as a man and as much a subject of self pity as the cow that the calf ran over.

He was fined \$9 on the first charge: \$3 on the second and put under bonds of a hundred dollars for twelve months and with a fine of \$100.

John Williams (colored) charged with being a suspicious character, had his on the strength of it and was sent to the Almshouse.

Robert Williams (colored) also charged with being a suspicious character proved a reputation for industry and was discharged after being presented with a chrono accompanied by a few graceful remarks.

GIVEN A CHANCE.

Ernest Kessler, a young man whose genius for getting into trouble has given Justice John many sleepless nights was brought up from jail and exhibited a railroad ticket to Baltimore. He was released from jail on the promise that he would leave town and not return for 12 months in violation of which agreement he is to take a taste of the chain gang. His last chance.

Joe Grilly a young youth, not half so good as he used to be, got into the mess again on the charge of being a scoundrel.

He was caught bearing on the street with a cap printed in doggerel, representing himself as a deaf mute.

A well known deaf mute of this city when asked in writing if Grilly was one of his unfortunate class promptly wrote the word "Imposter."

Grilly was put under security for 20 days and went to jail.

NO CONSOLIDATION.

The Rumors Circulated Have no Foundation in Fact.

Those who are in a position to know deny that there is any intention of attempting a consolidation of the Richmond Traction Company and the Boyd-Newton Syndicate, except that the two will stand together on all questions affecting the interests of street car company as a genus.

There are, of course, a number of matters upon which the two organizations will stand together for mutual benefit, such as taxation, trackage arrangements, and so on. In these matters there are no differences, as has been made manifest at the meetings of the Committee on Streets.

"I have no idea that there will ever be such a thing as a consolidation of the two," said a prominent member of the Street Committee yesterday. "It is only upon such matters as taxes and transfers, which affect both equally that we will come together.

"I am well satisfied that the Council is not going to allow any one organization to control all the lines of the city, under any kind of a franchise. We know what that means by bitter experience."